

Letter from Alexander Graham Bell to Mabel Hubbard Bell, September 21, 1881, with transcript

ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL TO MABEL (Hubbard) BELL 1302 Conn. Ave., Washington, D. C. Sept. 21st, 1881. My dear May:

Your telegram tonight is a great relief — as we have had no news from you or of you since we arrived.

I have telephoned my father that you had decided to make the investment desired — and he has written today to Uncle David asking him to consult lawyer and have Mortgage made out in your name. Please write to your Uncle Eustis to send cheque for \$5000.00 to Toronto payable to the order of David Charles Bell — I will telephone for the exact address and add it as a postscript to this letter. When Uncle has received the Mortgage papers he can send them to your Uncle Eustis to be placed in my safe.

All the scientific books and card-catalogue have been sent to the laboratory — All the pictures and a few chairs have been carried over to your mother's house, and Geneste has hung them up there giving the house quite a furnished look. All our things will be transferred to your mother's house as soon as possible and then this house will be thoroughly cleaned and put in order in case we can get a good tenant.

The following things have not been found yet. Can you tell us where they are?

1. Sister's picture of Adversity that used to be in front parlor of the K Street house leaving up against the fireplace.
2. The Turkey-rug — that was in the hall in the K Street home.
3. Your carpet — The one you had in your bedroom in our 14th Street house.

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4. Your wedding dress.

The architect who built your mother's house has been here this evening discussing the suggested improvements. He is to make sketches 2 and bring them here in a day or two. Last year Mr. Andrews was very anxious to take Mr. Galt's house — and it is probable he may wish to do so still. Mrs. Howe called today but made no reference to the subject. Mr. Fitch has intimated that Mr. Galt might like to take it again this year as his new house will not be finished for many months. Mrs. Howe made many enquiries concerning our house. I don't think there will be any difficulty in renting it.

Mary Horne tells me that she is quite sure that are going to be . How I don't want this to happen while they are in our care so I propose to send home to her mother — so that if it takes place it may be from there. This will leave Mary Horne alone — and I must either provide some sort of companionship for her or send her to my father. This will leave the doctor alone. I think this will be the best plan. He can find pleasant rooms in a more central locality — and Mary will be comfortable in Georgetown.

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